

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill providing for the payment of the Public Debt of the late Republic of Texas ; read first time.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill requiring the holders of the liabilities of the Republic of Texas, for which the revenues of the said Republic was specially pledged, to file releases with the Government of the United States ; read first time.

Mr. Scott introduced a bill to provide for the apportionment of the old debt of Harrison county, amongst the counties of Harrison, Upshur and Panola ; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the necessity of revising and correcting the Civil and Criminal Statute Laws of the State, and providing a special code of laws for the summary trial and punishment of Slaves and Free Negroes, for offences committed by them.

A bill to repeal the third section of an act regulating Estrays, approved, February 8, 1850, and to prescribe the manner of advertising Estrays ; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Williams, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the Senate adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 7, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—the journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. John O. Meusebach, Senator elect from District No. 22, composed of the counties of Bexar, Medina and Comal, presented his credentials, was qualified, and took his seat.

#### PETITIONS.

Mr. Scott presented the petitions of Sabina Draper and husband, of Sophia Sanders and of Francis Ramsdale ; which were, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sterne presented the petitions of R. Crawford, of John H. Hyde, of W. W. Hanks, of William Gunn, of Mrs. George S. Hyde, and of Richard Parmlee, assignee of Cecilia Fernan-

dez, and Baltazar Orset. Referred to the committee on Private Land Land Claims.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of Martha Hobbs. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of William Grinder. Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Truit presented the petitions of Jackson G. Walker and of Nancy A. Roberts, formerly Nancy A. Murray. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Merriman presented the petition of Thomas P. Crosby. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Merriman also presented the petition of Norman Hurd, asking for pay as purser in the Texas Navy. Referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A committee from the House invited the Senate to meet the House in the Representative Hall, at 11 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of hearing the Governor's message read.

On motion of Mr. Gray, a committee was appointed to inform the House, that the Senate accept their invitation, and would meet them at 11 o'clock, to hear the message: Messrs. Gray, Dancy and Burks were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Williams, Mr. Doane was added to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bigelow, chairman of the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Brownsville, reported a bill to repeal an act incorporating the city of Brownsville; which was read a first time.

Mr. Eddy introduced a bill to incorporate the Jasper Collegiate Institute, and

A bill to fix the rates of public printing; which were severally read first time.

Mr. Bogart introduced a bill for the relief of Ambrose Hillburn. Read first time.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Sally Owen. Read first time.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to amend the fourth section of the act regulating attachments. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Truit, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of James Pratt Phummer. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Sterne, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to amend the sixty-seventh section of an act to organize

Justices Courts, and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the same. Read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to allow Cameron county to levy a special tax. Read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill requiring the holders of the liabilities of the late Republic of Texas, for which the revenues of the said Republic were specially pledged, to file releases with the Government of the United States. On motion of Mr. Davis, laid on the table until to-morrow.

A bill providing for the payment of the debt of the late Republic of Texas. On motion of Mr. Davis, laid on the table until to-morrow.

A bill to provide for the apportionment of the old debt of Harrison county among the counties of Harrison, Upshur and Panola. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the committee on Finance.

The resolution of the Senate, instructing the committee on Printing to contract for a certain number of the State Gazette and South-Western American, was, on motion of Mr. Wilson, laid on the table until Monday the 10th instant.

The resolution of the Senate, instructing the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses to make arrangements for the payment of postage, was read and adopted.

The resolution of the Senate, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the necessity of revising and correcting the civil and criminal statute laws of the State, &c., was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
AUSTIN, November 7, 1851. }

*To the Honorable Legislature:*

I regret that severe indisposition, and the unexpected number of the accompanying documents, (some of which have not yet reached the Department,) will prevent the delivery of my message to your honorable body, at 11 o'clock, a. m., of this day, as announced to your honorable committee on Tuesday last.

I have therefore the honor to request the indulgence of the Honorable Legislature until 11 o'clock, a. m., on Monday the 10th instant.

P. H. BELL.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.